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TWO LIRE

Allied Patrols Reach Caumont

Arctic Front Drive Begun By Russians

Karelian Push Only 35 Miles From Key Port

LONDON, June 14—Red Army forces, covered by a violent artillery barrage, have launched an offensive against the German-held Liza River sector on the Arctic front, a Helsinki dispatch to the Stockholm Aftenbladet disclosed today.

The Liza River runs into the Arctic Sea some 35 miles west of the vital northern seaport of Murmansk, parallel to the Russo-Finnish border and 20 miles inside Soviet territory.

Meanwhile, the Karelian Isthmus offensive has reached a point only 35 miles from the Finnish port of Viborg. Col. Gen. Leonid Govorov's troops are still advancing along the direct highway to the city, which was captured once before after the spectacular breakthrough in the last stages of the Russo-Finnish war of 1940.

The Russians are driving forward in three spearheads—along the coastal road, along the Viborg highway, and to the northeast. Heavy Kilm and Voroshilov tanks are smashing through strongly fortified Finnish positions while Katushas, or "longtailed firebirds," the famed Russian rocket guns so successfully used during the battle for Stalingrad, are sent plunging into the forests to smoke out enemy Tommy-gunners and blow up hidden ammunition dumps.

Some of the remaining forts and blockhouses in the battle zone have

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Senate OKs Soldier Bill

WASHINGTON, June 14—The Senate this week passed and sent to the White House a compromise version of the "GI Bill of Rights," embodying a comprehensive program of benefits for veterans of the present war.

Cost of the program, including hospitalization, education, unemployment compensation and loans for the purchase of homes, farms and businesses, has been estimated at from three billions to six and a half billions of dollars.

Finance Committee Chairman Walter George (D., Ga.) told his colleagues in the Senate that conferees had agreed reluctantly to House insistence on any benefits the veteran gets under the bill be deducted from any bonus he may be voted after the war.

Under the measure, the veteran would be entitled to a 20 dollar a week unemployment compensation

Blast Kills One

HUNTINGTON, Mass., June 14—Police and fire experts are investigating a mysterious blast which killed one man and injured six others. Theoharis Diamant, 62, went to the basement of his cafe to tap a keg of beer. A terrific blast which destroyed the one-story cafe took place a few seconds later.

ROAD TO FLORENCE



ALL ROADS lead away from Rome for Field Marshal Albert von Kesselring's hounded army. This map shows the area taken over by the Allies since the fall of the capital.

Allies Score Fresh Gains

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, June 14—Allied armies in Italy have made new strides forward on all sectors of the trans-peninsula line against varying degrees of resistance, today's communique reported.

U. S. troops on Highway 1 have hurdled the German roadblock southeast of Orbetello and are pushing beyond the junction with lateral Route 74, 80 miles above Rome. The Americans forced the kraut stronghold by breaking through the hills to win control of Route 74 when progress along the coastal route was blocked.

Other 5th Army forces on the west shore of Lake Bolsena took the town of Latera and are pushing on toward Gradoli, which lies on Route 74 a few miles short of its junction with Highway 2. Opposition along the entire Route 74 line was described as strong.

East of the lake, a third 5th Army spearhead is closing in on the town of Bolsena, ten miles southwest of Orvieto. Due south of Orvieto, the South Africans are closing in on Bagnoregio after a

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Royal Navy Shells Venetian Gulf Port

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, June 14—Light forces of the Royal Navy shelled the harbor at Lussin Piccolo on the eastern side of the Gulf of Venice on the night of June 10-11, it was announced today.

The following night, British destroyers had an encounter with four enemy E-boats off the Dalmatian coast. One E-boat was sent to the bottom and the others fled at high speed.

Heavies Crack Oil Refineries

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, June 14—Seven oil refineries in Yugoslavia and Hungary, working night and day to provide petroleum products for the Nazi army, today were blasted by strong forces of 15th Air Force heavy bombers.

Escorted by Lightnings, Thunderbolts and Mustangs, the heavies met little opposition from enemy aircraft and only moderate flak. All targets were described as well hit.

Chief target was the Shell-Koolaz refinery, largest in Hungary. It lies on the Danube River five miles south of Budapest near the big Fanto plant which was also

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Wehrmacht, Scraping Barrel, Seen Still Formidable Foe

By Sgt. JACK FOISIE
(Stars and Stripes Staff Writer)

NEW YORK, June 14—The presence of an organized Japanese unit in the German forces fighting the Allies in Normandy, and the more significant discovery of the 162nd Turkoman Division among the disrupted enemy forces in Italy, has given rise here in the United States to the belief that the bottom of the Nazi manpower barrel is now in sight.

German women snipers also have been discovered—and some killed—in Normandy. General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery revealed this, suggesting they are wives of German officers.

Newspapers here stressed other indications of the deterioration of the once overpowering Wehrmacht. New units, attempting to plug the

27 Nazi Airfields Fall; Tank Battles Continuing

French, Belgian Targets Hit Today By Allied Heavies

LONDON, June 14—The Luftwaffe, under the terrific pressure of an Allied air onslaught which has smashed at the enemy without letup since D Day, has been forced to abandon 27 or more forward airfields in northern France, a dispatch from Supreme Allied Headquarters reported today.

The enemy has been driven from ten to 15 other aerodromes within a 150 mile radius of Caen, it was said.

Very strong formations of four-engined heavies of the U. S. 8th Air Force early today attacked airfields and bridges in France and Belgium and an important oil refinery at Emmerich in Germany as a follow-up to the heavy RAF attack on oil dumps and plants at Gelsenkirchen.

Deteriorating weather yesterday afternoon slowed down the Allied aerial offensive somewhat, but despite rainfalls and low clouds, escorted heavy bombers continued their attacks on airfields west of Paris and throughout the north of France. Medium bombers were also active and again pounded military installations, including bridges, rail yards and aerodromes at Rennes.

Weather conditions improved to

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Encore For Green Is Group's 300th

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, June 14—Maj. Herschel H. Greene, Mayfield, Ky., leading American fighter pilot in the Mediterranean, yesterday not only scored his 14th victory but raised his squadron's total to an even 300.

The 23-year-old squadron commander destroyed a Macchi-205 fighter in the Udine area while escorting heavy bombers back from the Munich attacks. Yesterday's victory was his first as pilot of a Mustang.

Moves Exceed Gen. Ike's Hopes; Enemy Counters

LONDON, June 14—The Allied invasion army, which General Dwight D. Eisenhower last night said had "exceeded my fondest hopes" in the first week of battle, today penetrated to Caumont and skirted the enemy flank west of Tilly sur Seuilles to drive southward "with great effect."

Caumont, 10 miles southwest of Tilly sur Seuilles, was reached by advanced patrols today while bitter armored fighting continued between Tilly sur Seuilles and Caen, 12 miles to the east.

Furious enemy counterattacks were breaking against Allied lines in the Carentan sector, some 24 miles to the northwest, where the German news agency today admitted the Nazis were forced to withdraw several miles yesterday.

Another counterattack was underway at Montebourg, 15 miles southeast of Cherbourg at the northwestern flank of the Normandy beachhead. A dispatch from Supreme Allied Expeditionary Force headquarters said it was "not clear" whether the Allies still held the town, which was taken yesterday by the 4th U. S. Infantry Division. In the same sector, "fluid fighting" was underway at Balloir.

The enemy assault against Montebourg was reported to be backed by heavy tank and mortar support.

Today's Allied communique disclosed that elsewhere on the beachhead, which now stretches over approximately 750 square miles, the Allies were advancing.

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Stalin Lauds French Front

MOSCOW, June 14—Marshal Joseph Stalin yesterday described the Allied landing in France as a "brilliant success" masterfully executed.

Concerning the invasion, Stalin said:

"This is undoubtedly a brilliant success of our Allies. One must admit the history of war does not know any such undertaking so broad in concentration, so grandiose in scale and so masterly in execution."

"In summing up the result of the seven days of liberation by the Allied troops who have invaded northern France, I may say, without hesitation, that the large scale forcing of the channel and the mass landing of troops have fully succeeded."

"As is known, 'Invincible' Napoleon shamefully failed in his time with his plan to force the channel and capture the British Isles. Hitler, the hysteric, who for two years boasted that he would carry out the forcing of the channel, did not even attempt it. Only British and American troops succeeded with honor in carrying out this immense plan. History will take note of this achievement of the highest order."

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A Health Ribbon

Dear Editor:

There has been much pro and con in your Mail Call column about the awarding of ribbons to American soldiers. The majority seems to favor them. I should like to see the Army award a health ribbon to the soldier who has kept himself off the sick book for a period of one year, and a different one could be awarded at the end of two years. If a soldier has been able to keep away from the sick book for a period of one year, he deserves credit for not losing time.

—Capt. O. F. P.,
Medical Corps

A Little Praise Helps

Dear Editor:

Each day I enjoy reading The Stars and Stripes especially the Mail Call column. During my Army life overseas, I have yet to read anything in your paper that tells of the work of the colored units of the Air Corps.

As for myself, I care very little for praise. I am thinking, however, of others. A little praise now and then would really do the boys a lot of good. Although non-combat units, we are doing our share to achieve an early victory. I am in the Ordnance branch of the Air Corps. If you could see how hard and earnest these boys work both night and day, you would say that they are doing a good job.

—Pvt. George Rankin
Pfc. Henry Patterson

Regular Army

Dear Editor:

While we of the 85th appreciated your article in the June 3 issue, there was one error in it which should be corrected.

The division was built around, not a National Guard cadre as stated, but around a cadre from the 2nd Infantry Division, one of the oldest Regular Army divisions and other Regular Army units.

We hold no grudge against the National Guard, but we do prefer to be classed as Regular Army, from which the entire enlisted cadre of the 85th was derived.

—WO Willie B. Narton
—M-Sgt. Karl B. Althage

Clothes And The Soldier

Dear Editor:

A couple of boys gave me a horse laugh on Via Roma one day because I was wearing a blouse, necktie and had a new shoe shine. What they didn't know was that my blouse was uncomfortable as hell. It was tight and the weather was warm. My necktie was also tight and uncomfortable. I never did like wearing a tie. Headquarters prescribes our uniform; they tell us what to wear on pass. We don't wear what we like or what strikes our fancy. If we are not dressed as prescribed, we just don't get our passes, and fella, I like my passes as well as you do. So when you see a GI dressed like a movie version of a soldier, don't hate the guy for it. He isn't trying to slay the women by appearing like that but merely following regulations.

I would wear a dress and be called an Arab if it would help to shorten the war.

—S-Sgt. E. R. Kelly

Strength Of German Division

Dear Editor:

Your issue of May 30 refers to the recent capture of 15,000 Germans as "only 3,000 short of two full strength enemy divisions." According to information before the writer, a full Nazi division comprises approximately 14,000 officers and men and a Panzer division comprises 16,041 officers and men.

While it is believed that German divisions are not operating full strength, it does not look like we have taken almost "two full strength" divisions according to my figures.

—Capt. H. Bernenko

Puplent Poets

Up My Sleeve

Let my only contribution
To a future revolution
Be a smile;
And instead of making battle
Let me wield a fool's red rattle.
Without guile.
For I've noted that dictators
Leave me short of meat and 'taters
Every time
They start calling for damnation
Of the thinkers of their nation,
(What's my rhyme?)
And that wars don't spring from
laughter
Nor are fat men fond of slaughter,
(What a word!)
But that those who love to chuckle
Are reluctant, more to buckle
On the sword.
So, when rabble-rousers riot
And disturb my peace and quiet
For a while,
And fanatics come a-pushin'
Me to join their revolution,
I shall smile.

—Capt. Fulton Thatcher Grant

Poetic Injustice

Last night, I slept a sound sleep
In body, not in mind,
For through my active subconscious
Thoughts profound did wind;
Poetic phrases, composed so well
In meter, feet and rhyme—
Twas the greatest writing ever
done,
The epic of our time.
When I awoke with pen in hand
I tried so hard to gleam
The epic phrases and profound
words
Written in my dream.
I searched and searched my con-
scious brain,
Elusive was the prose.
Awake am I and now I fear
Those words I ne'er disclose.

—Pvt. Irving Roth

Time Out Of Mind

One loses count of days
Here in this vagrant void of
eternity.
Time is a beast of burden,
Unfettered now and free—
No longer a stare to the clock—
There is no need to keep track
of time.
There is only day and night—
Day and night,
Day and night,
And naught but blood and death
To fill the emptiness between.

—Pvt. Alfred Denenberg

Home Is Where

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Capt. Don S. Gentile, 23, the European theater ace now home on leave, presented an engagement ring studded with seven diamonds to Isabella Madea, 20, petite brunette trucking company employee. She said they'll be married "when Don gets his orders."

DETROIT—Charles A. Lindbergh is in the Gilbert Islands teaching high altitude flying to Navy pilots, a letter to O. A. Johnson, chief of the Ford Motor Co. marine fleet, disclosed. The Lone Eagle recently took a leave from his duties as a Ford consultant.

LOS ANGELES—The "perfect Hollywood marriage" of blonde, buxom Joan Blondell and wavy-haired Dick Powell went on the shoals. Miss Blondell filed suit for divorce, charging cruelty and asking custody of Ellen, five, and Norman, nine. They married in 1936.

WATERLOO, Iowa — Otto A. Scholtz, local factory owner, thought Waterloo youngsters needed an old swimming hole like he had as a kid so he donated 10,000 dollars for a public swimming pool here.

CAMP THOMAS, R. I.—Jimmy Carrack, 6, has been confined to bed with a spinal ailment for five years. His eager letters to Seabees resulted in their making him international mascot and now a special "Jimmy Carrack Day" is planned at Seabee installations all over the world.

OKLAHOMA CITY — Wearing the same wedding gown used by her three sisters, Mary Keys, last of the Keys quadruplets to be married, became the bride of Sgt. Jack P. Anderson, Plan, Texas. Mary, 29, met her husband while she was an Army hostess at Camp Hood, Texas, where he was stationed.

NEW YORK—Eddie Cantor, the banjo-eyed comedian who proved it's possible to be in show business and stay married, celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary with a Waldorf Astoria banquet.

FRESNO—Rep. B. W. Gearhard, (R. Calif.), brought good news to workers and owners of the raisin industry. He said the government will buy the entire crop and that the government has set an all-time high price of 195 dollars per ton for muscats and 180 dollars for the Thompsons and Sultanas. Farmers in the garden region also report the 1944 harvest will be larger than previous ones.

DES MOINES—Frank H. Mendell, member of the State Conservation Commission, estimates that the May floods did 164,000,000 dollars damage to Iowa topsoil. A 6,000,000-dollar flood control dam on the Iowa River above Iowa City is planned as a postwar project. Army engineers have already begun boring tests above Lake MacBride.

Michigan Official Confesses Bribery

LANSING, Mich., June 14—Admitting he accepted 2,500 dollars in bribes during his term as lieutenant governor of Michigan, Frank Murphy yesterday pleaded guilty to a grand jury charge of conspiracy to corrupt the 1941 state legislature through taking and paying bribes. Murphy, no relation to Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy, appeared before Circuit Judge Leland H. Carr and offered to return the money as "partial atonement for my offense."

MASS DISROBING



WHILE A STARTLED CROWD of afternoon strollers closes in on them, 16 Doukhobors, members of the Spiritual Community of Christ, kneel, sing hymns and disrobe in Vancouver, B. C. Members of the sect staged the outdoor disrobing ceremony in protest against jailing of a dozen of their fellows for pacifist demonstrations.

(Acme Photo)

Smell Of Death Was In Air As Yanks Raced Forward

By Sgt. PAUL S. GREEN
(Stars and Stripes Staff Writer)

IN THE ORBETELLO SECTOR, WITH THE 5TH ARMY, June 23 (Delayed)—Route No. 1, Italy's coastal road, is getting to look as peaceful as U. S. No. 1 as the 5th Army sweeps northward in its triumphal march from Rome.

From outside Orbetello, which is not in Allied hands, Route No. 1 doesn't show many signs of war, except for the convoys moving up in a steady stream. The Germans have methodically blown up every bridge, and our engineers have just as efficiently raised new structures or built bypasses. Some of the bridges appear first to have been razed by Allied bombers, repaired by the krauts and then destroyed by demolitions.

Here and there lay the blackened hulks of vehicles that were victims of Allied fighter-bombers. A deep breath when passing them brought to the nostrils the never-to-be-forgotten smell of death that lingers in the air so long. A few dead horses lying grotesquely off to the side, like papier-mache figures, indicated what sort of transportation the Germans were forced to depend on in their flight.

PEACEFUL VIEW

Otherwise the view was peaceful. For long stretches of road the only things visible were neatly-piled stacks of hay treasured by the paesano. Some stretches of field had been burned by the Germans in a useless dog-in-the-manger fury. From the hills east of Orbetello drifted a lazy cloud of smoke. Trees could be seen flaming in the distance.

As the 5th Army threatened to bypass Orbetello, stuck away in a peninsula off the main road, the Yanks here found themselves in familiar terrain. From here on

Veteran Engineers Shaped Ciampino

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, June 14 — The same group of aviation engineers that scored records for putting airports into shape in Tunisia, Sicily, Salerno and Anzio has set a new mark by clearing the Ciampino airfield in the Rome area in three days.

The big field was inspected by Capt. John E. Mason, Houston, Texas, while snipers' bullets were still singing through the bomb-smashed area. The next morning, an 18-man detail under Lt. R. W. Hiner, Brookston, Ind., began clearing the mines.

When the job was completed, bulldozers, graders and caterpillars went to work to fill in the huge craters left by Allied bombs and build an emergency runway. Within three days, Allied planes were taking off and landing on the air strip.

they will again be in the hills, which get higher and higher as the doughfoots move toward Florence, 100 miles away. But it is only after Florence is reached that the hills turn into formidable mountains.

MELT AWAY

Resistance is still only scattered. Sometimes the Germans will hang on to a strongpoint for three or four hours and then melt away. Or else, the Americans will advance steadily for two or three miles and meet perhaps one shell over the entire distance. In the hastily prepared defenses set up in this sector, the Germans use a few tanks, many self-propelled guns, some heavy artillery, some demolitions and mines. They don't have enough time to try their favorite trick of hiding or booby-trapping the mines. Now they merely lay them on the roads and toss piles of straw on them and hope to hell the Yanks won't see them. Sometimes they try a few counter-attacks which are simple delaying actions.

In their clean sweep through the hills, the Yanks know that they left hundreds of Jerries behind. Whenever an American wanders away from his group, he's apt to run into some of them. If they are out of ammo, they usually surrender. If not, there may be a few shots exchanged. But they are all beaten anyway. Disorganized, without food, supplies or ammo, they have no choice but to give up eventually.

With the enemy infantry division which faced them shattered, the Yanks on the coast can keep going toward the lateral road above Orbetello that leads from the shore inland to Lake Bolsena. That their schedule was interrupted is shown by the fact that one division CP moved every day until two days ago. But today they were getting ready to move again.

Reich Easily Led To War U. S. Feels

DENVER, June 14 — Forty-seven percent of the U. S. population thinks the "German people may not like war but they have shown that they are too easily led into war," the National Opinion Research Center at Denver University reported this week after a nationwide survey.

Twenty-eight percent of those surveyed said that the "German people do not like war and if they could have the same chance as the people in other countries they would become good citizens of the world." Twenty-five percent declared that "the Germans will always want to go to war to make themselves as powerful as possible."

Invasion Flashes

LONDON—"And the last shall be first..." General Bernard Law Montgomery announced this week that the last British division to leave France in June, 1940, was the first British unit to invade France in the amphibious smash against the German Atlantic Wall. "It was a division which I myself commanded in France when we were here before. I came back from Dunkirk with it," General Montgomery said.

LONDON—Bayeux, the first French town to fall to Allied troops following the landings in Normandy, is being run by the French themselves, according to William Downs, CBS correspondent. Citizens of the town, expecting that military leaders would run Bayeux's civil affairs, were surprised when the town council was asked to carry on its normal functions. The townspeople arrested five men and brought them to AEF civil affairs headquarters, where a Canadian major told them that it was up to them to settle political matters.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES—The White Star insignia on Allied battle equipment in France is the symbol, not of any one nation, but of the entire Allied Expeditionary Force, it was announced here this week. The emblem is called "the star of liberation."

SHAFF — Massive pre-landing air attacks on no fewer than 82 continental rail centers have made it impossible for the Germans to move by rail any troops west of Paris or bring up sorely needed coal from the south of France, Reuters reported this week. The softening-up plan, executed over a period of three months, had by D Day completely destroyed 50 of the 82 centers; eight had half their installations knocked out and 17 had been heavily damaged but needed some extra attacks to finish them off.

ALGIERS—The special delegation of the city of Algiers this week passed a resolution saluting the people of Bayeux and voted 1,000,000 francs (20,000 dollars) credit for the relief of liberated populations of France.

WASHINGTON — Among a number of secret weapons revealed this week by the U. S. Navy Department as now in use with the French invasion forces is a new twin-engine fighter

plane of unprecedented fire power, which climbs practically straight up. Others include a Navy version of the jet-propelled plane, an improved rocket gun and battleships with fire power 100 times greater than that of three years ago.

A 9TH AAF BASE, England — American nurses landed on French soil last Saturday, tended American and German wounded, and evacuated them by troop carrier plane. Flown into the Cherbourg Peninsula, the nurses were exposed to sniper fire and land mines.

LONDON—Belgian girls cheered American prisoners of war being taken to Germany on a train (through Antwerp, according to a Belgian news agency story), and the Yanks replied with gestures and signs. The incident was first reported by the Nazi-controlled Ghent newspaper, which admitted that the Belgians were wholeheartedly on the side of the Allies.

LONDON — American civilian shipping experts have landed in France to work with the military on problems concerning convoys making the run to the French coast. A U. S. War Shipping Administration office has been opened to handle personnel problems among merchant seamen.

First Off In 1917 Seeks Counterpart

CHICAGO, June 14—The first doughboy to set foot on French soil in World War I would like to meet the first Yankee to land on D Day.

Pfc. James Mathews, 43, gun inspector at a Chicago war plant, went ashore at St. Nazaire, June 25, 1917, and was officially credited with being the first American soldier to land.

"It would be the same as stepping off the ship again if I could meet the first Yank ashore in this battle," Mathews said. "I would like to ask him what thrills he experienced and compare notes."

Six U-Boats Sunk

OTTAWA, June 14—The Royal Canadian Navy has sunk six enemy submarines in an operational period of ten days, it was announced here yesterday. No details were released but a lieutenant, W. J. Chapman, was decorated for his role in the victory against the German undersea fleet.

Armstrong Choice To Trim Davis In New York Tonight

NEW YORK, June 14—Henry Armstrong, considered washed up several times, returns to Madison Square Garden Thursday night to fight that wonderful little character, Bummy Davis.

Armstrong is favored, on the theory Davis will shoot his bolt in the early rounds trying to flatten the former triple champ, then fade and take a hiding.

Armstrong's last appearance in the Garden was last August 27 when he lost a dull ten-rounder to Ray Robinson and retired for the second time. He's making another comeback for the simple reason he's broke, despite the decided but ever-present fear he'll catch a punch that will blind him.

This is the 13th year in the ring for the little Negro with the legs of a flyweight and torso of a middleweight. The record books give him age as not quite 32.

Eddie Mead, Armstrong's manager, ordered him to hang up his gloves in January, 1941, after he

had been kayoed by Fritz Zivic in 12 rounds. Henry's retirement stuck until May, 1942, when Mead dropped dead in New York.

"A long rest and eye operation made me feel as good as ever," he said. "I needed money. I had plenty of property, but no cash."

He retired again when Robinson pushed him around, saying, "I now have money and I am disgusted." But bills for his eye and taxes have brought him back once more. He insists there's no danger from blindness, scar tissue having been removed.

"A man never knows what he'll have to do," said Armstrong. "Maybe this will be my last fight and maybe it won't. When I've had enough I'll just fade quietly out of the picture."

Henry's thousands of fans feel he's had enough already. They hope the great little battler soon realizes it, himself. They want him to enjoy his stake in the sunshine and not in the darkness.

Mike Montanino Faces Italian Ace

AGNANO RACE TRACK, June 14—Mike Montanino, the Brooklyn bolo puncher, tackles the sensational Italian welterweight, Emilio Faci, in the main event of the Repple Depple fight card tomorrow night. Montanino copped a split decision over the Italian soldier in Bari two weeks ago, and Faci then fought a furious draw with Dixie Fleming last week at the Palm Theater.

Ernie Petrone is again slated for a spot opposing Ezio Columbini, a local Italian soldier, in the semi-windup. Newcomer James Fair, whose first appearance last week resulted in a knockout, will attempt to make it two kayos in a row when he meets durable Tom Dawson in a three-rounder. Dawson is the British laddie who ended Allied feather champ Carl Palombo's string of victories at the Politeama Theater several weeks ago.

Other bouts: Rod Smith vs Ronald Burman; Dino Coduto vs Willie Jackson; Ralph Barraclo vs Mike Lattery, and Vincino Lanzini vs Jack Gilchrist.

PBS RESULTS

SOFTBALL
Medical Center League
Bears 4, Buffaloes 2
Bears 2, Browns 0
Country Clubbers 3, Loudrollers 2
Country Clubbers 4, Fighting Scots 3
Generals 9, Red Birds 0
Hybrids 4, Red Liners 1
Lightnings 2, Red Liners 0

Naples Port League
Polelines 8, Golden Gophers 3
Cross Talkers 12, Skid Rigs 3
Salvage 9, Aces 0
Naples American League
Bon Bons 7, Firefighters 3
Comets 4, Petrols 3
Zephyrs 8, Engine Knights 6
Comets 11, Engine Knights 0
Bambinos 10, Yardbirds 1
Bambinos 5, Zephyrs 4
Petrols 9, S. C. Tigers 0

Naples National League
Red Hots 6, Cam Nostris 5
Blow Outs 12, Trappers 2
Finandos 6, Knuckie Heads 4
Naples Eastern League
Vomero Lions 3, Cherokees 2
Vomero Lions 9, Long Shore Men 5
Waynesville Bombers 2, Fire Balls 0
Cherokees 4, Waynesville Bombers 0
Grasshoppers 9, Hot Shots 0

Bagnolia League
Pussy Footers 3, Servites 1
Pussy Footers 1, Heavy Movers 0
Hep Steps 9, Smoke Eaters 0
Cardinals 6, Heavy Movers 4
Four-by-Fours 5, Bakers 0
Rillaroos 2, Cardinals 1
Hot Shots 8, Bakers 3
Capodichino League
Sigs 8, Junior Grants 6
Englettes 12, Quless Katers 1

BASKETBALL
Naples Neapolitan League
Ortolas 11, Moonlight Cavalry 3
Naples National League
Tigers 13, U. S. Eagles 2
We-Dood-It 10, Trojans 3
Sluggers 23, Road Buddies 14
Bagnolia National League
Obamas 6, Base Commandos 0
Aversa American League
Tigers 9, Graders 0
Capodichino League
Eagles 16, Cairo Commandos 0
Eagles 14, Transporters 1
Cairo Commandos 6, Spitfires 5

Yanks Drop To 6th Place As Nats Win

Giants Beat Bums In Homer Spree; Ott Smacks Two

NEW YORK, June 14 — New York's sliding Yankees dropped all the way to sixth place in the American League, when Jake Powell singled in the winning run as Washington nipped the World Champs, 4-3, in 11 innings. It was the sixth straight loss for the Yanks and their 12th loss in their last 14 games.

With the score tied 1-1 going into the tenth inning, the Yanks scored twice to break the tie, but the Senators came back in their half to again knot the count. Atley Donald, who relieved Joe Page in the tenth, was charged with the loss, while Johnny Niggeling went the distance for Washington, scattering six hits.

INDIANS, 6; TIGERS, 5

A five-run rally in the fourth inning gave Cleveland a 6-5 victory over Detroit in their series opener. The rally was launched against Johnny Gorsica and continued against rookie Bob Gillwaffle. Ed Killeman, who relieved Paul Calvert in the fourth, was the winning hurler, even though he hurled only a single inning.

GIANTS, 15; BUMS, 9

Six more homers went over the short Polo Grounds wall, making 15 in the last two days as the Giants whacked their interborough rivals, Brooklyn, 15-9. Master Melvin Ott continued his homer spree by poling his 15th and 16th of the year. Phil Weintraub also knocked two out of the lot to take runner-up honors to his boss with ten.

Dixie Walker, leading hitter in the major leagues, increased his average by banging out three of the 12 hits the Bums collected off Bill Voiselle. The Bums used five hurlers including two rookies who were making their debut.

Ford Frick, National League prexy, fined Pittsburgh outfielder Johnny Barrett 25 dollars for his argument with umpire George Magerkurth during Sunday's game.

Danny Litwhiler, St. Louis Cardinal outfielder who was recently classified 2-A by his Philadelphia draft board, has applied for a commission in the Navy. Litwhiler expects to take his physical this weekend.

Johnny Gee, six-foot, nine-inch southpaw for the Pirates, who was purchased four years ago for 75,000 dollars, was released yesterday on waivers and promptly picked up by the New York Giants for the waiver price of 7,500 dollars. Gee won four and lost four last season and this year he has appeared in three games without gaining a decision either way.

John Quinn, secretary of the Braves, announced the option of righthander Carl Linquist to Indianapolis of the American Association on a 24-hour recall basis.

Bill Lohrman, who was traded to Syracuse by the Dodgers and by Syracuse to Cincinnati, was back at Syracuse today. Making his first and only start for the Reds last Saturday, Lohrman was the losing hurler in the 18-0 shellacking the Cardinals administered to Cincy.

Dodgers' Walker 'Father Of Year'

NEW YORK, June 14 —The National Father's Day committee yesterday named Fred (Dixie) Walker, Brooklyn Dodger outfielder and leading hitter in the major leagues, as "The Father of the Year."

Walker, who succeeds Melvin Ott, manager of the New York Giants, is the father of three children. He was presented a medal in a pre-game ceremony before yesterday's Giant-Dodger clash.

Talbert Victor In Net Opener

DETROIT, June 14—Bill Talbert, Indianapolis, led the favorites through the opening round of the national clay court tennis championships at the Detroit Tennis Club. Last year's runner-up to Seymour Greenberg, now in the armed services, Talbert blasted out a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Ed Donovan, Detroit.

Pancho Segura, Ecuadorian seeded No. 1, plays his first match tomorrow. Among first-round winners in the men's division were Frank Brody, Des Moines; Rex Norris, Lansing, Mich., and Leonard Weiner, Detroit.
Doris Hart, Miami; Dorothy May Bundy, Santa Monica; Mary Arnold, Los Angeles; Shirley Fry, Akron, Ohio, and Constance Clifton, Miami, were seeded women players who won today. Top-seeded Pauline Betz swings into action tomorrow.

Real Service

NAPLES — During one month the Special Service Section of PBS distributed 2,034 baseballs, 1,935 bats, 2,104 gloves, 3,193 softballs, 1,985 softball bats, 1,336 volley balls and 1,625 badminton shuttlecocks, reports Maj. William F. Bailey, in charge of athletics and supplies.

Correction

Due to an error in transmission, the sports section erroneously reported that the Bari ping-pongers won the 'ab'e tennis championship. The correction reads: 'The Foggia boys are the top paddlers in this country.'

How They Stand

American League				National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	28	23	.549	St. Louis	32	15	.681
Boston	25	23	.521	Pittsburgh	25	19	.568
Detroit	25	25	.500	Cincinnati	25	22	.532
Chicago	22	22	.500	New York	25	23	.521
Cleveland	25	26	.490	Brooklyn	23	26	.469
New York	22	23	.489	Boston	22	29	.431
Washington	23	25	.478	Philadelphia	18	26	.409
Philadelphia	23	26	.469	Chicago	16	26	.381

Radio Programs

NAPLES
THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY STATION 357Kc 350M
Thursday, June 15
AM
6:30—Sunrise Serenade.
8:00—Sign Off.
11:30—Rhythm Jamboree.
11:30—GI Jive.
11:45—The Cavendish Three—
12:00 Noon—Potpourri.
PM
12:30—News.
12:45—Melody Roundup.
1:00—Music Counter.
1:30—Salute To Rhythm—
2:00—BBC News.
2:15—Ted Steele's Novatones.
2:30—Songs From Show Boat.
3:00—BBC News.
3:15—La Fiesta.
3:30—Burns and Allen.
4:00—Melody Matinee.
4:30—CBS News.
4:45—Band Wagon.
5:00—Sports Interview.
5:15—Spotlight Bands.
5:30—Yank Swing Session.
5:38—Evening Devotional.
6:00—Allen Roth's Orchestra.
6:30—Club Rendezvous.
7:00—Information Please.
7:30—Dinah Shore.
8:00—BBC News.
8:15—Fred Waring.
8:30—The Jam Pot.
9:00—Bing Crosby.
9:30—Command Performance.
10:00—News Resume.
10:15—The Salad Bowl.
10:30—One Night Stand.
11:00—Sign Off.
*—Denotes British Broadcast.

FOGGIA
Air Force American Expeditionary Station 1213 Kc. 247 M
Thursday, June 15
AM
6:30—BBC News.
6:45—Reveille Roundup.
8:00—BBC News.
11:00—Allen Roth.
11:30—California Melodies.
12:00 Noon—Guy Lombardo.
PM
12:30—News.
12:45—Personal Album.
1:00—Yarns For Yanks.
1:15—Landt Trio.
1:30—Sound Off.
1:45—Sports Interview.
2:00—Melody Roundup.
2:15—Straight From the States.
2:30—Music From America.
3:00—BBC News.
3:10—Resume and Fill.
3:15—G. I. Jive.
3:30—Concert Hall.
4:00—Major Bowes.
4:30—Melody Matinee.
5:00—BBC News.
5:15—Spotlight Bands.
5:30—Dinner Music.
5:58—Evening Prayer.
7:00—Grenada Time.
7:30—Village Store.
8:00—BBC News.
8:15—Fred Waring.
8:30—Bing Crosby.
9:00—Aldrich Family.
9:30—Radio News Reel.
10:00—Suspense.
10:30—One Night Stand.
11:00—Sign Off.

27 Nazi Airfields Fall; Tank Battles Continuing

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Official reports told of floods of reinforcements pouring ashore while even the German news agency ruefully admitted that Allied forces had landed "on a particularly big scale" during the past 24 hours and expressed a belief that General Sir Bernard Montgomery might launch his big offensive "in the very near future."

The Allied front, now more than 75 miles long, is moving slowly forward despite the appearance of more and more German reinforcements. The expenditure of these Nazi reserves during the present stage of operations fits into Allied strategy since it may preclude a major counteroffensive by Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt.

Allied commentators said that the main German effort at the moment appears to be around Ballerol and Tilly sur Seules, apparently in an endeavor to hamper General Montgomery's punch around Tilly sur Seules southeast towards bitterly-contested Caen. An outflanking move against Caen, where the British face persistent German attacks, was announced last night.

Today's German communique also indicated that the Nazis were battling with increased vigor. The enemy report said that German forces "penetrated into the enemy bridgehead east of the Orne" and spoke of recapturing "a number of localities." The Germans failed to name any of the localities, however, to substantiate their claim.

Meanwhile, General Dwight D. Eisenhower's message to President Roosevelt that other operations might be expected drew attention to German anti-invasion precautions in the Lowlands. The Netherlands government-in-exile reported precautionary measures were being speeded up throughout Holland. Paratroop defenses received particular attention.

Within France, patriot resistance was disrupting German operations. The Associated Press reported from Irun, on the Spanish border, that French troops now hold the entire city of Tarbes, in southwestern France. A Washington dispatch spoke of "a wave of patriot resistance" within France.

Algiers radio, quoting an official statement by the French Provisional Government, said that French patriot forces have interrupted a number of German lines of communications and "have contributed to the success of the first phase of the invasion." Small garrisons have been wiped out in the Alps, Pyrenees, Brittany and other regions, the communique disclosed, while German convoys are attacked persistently.

ALLIES SCORE

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stiff two-day battle. Another force is fanning out into the rolling country ten miles to the north-east of Viterbo toward a secondary highway leading into Orvieto.

The 8th Army troops on the right bank of the Tiber have advanced several miles north of Magliano toward Narni and Terni. Highway 3 is under heavy shell-fire from the Germans who are making prodigious use of ammunition rather than see it fall into Allied hands. Forward troops here had 2,000 shells fired against them on June 12.

In the Adriatic sector, 8th Army forces are consolidating positions up to the Pescara River. This area, between the coast and Popoli, contains many hamlets bypassed in the original surge forward.

Although the enemy is pulling out of many places without fighting, in others he is concentrating automatic weapons and mortars against Allied patrols. Visibility in the 8th Army sector is extremely limited, at times only 30 yards. The haze at first aided Allied bridging parties but now hinders recon work.

Nazi Fields

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ward evening, however, and strong formations of U. S. heavies, escorted by Lightning and Mustang fighters, resumed their onslaught against enemy river communications, bridges and airfields.

More than 225 Marauders and Havocs also went out to pound fuel dumps and highway junctions in a wide arc behind the German lines and for a short time ran into serious German fighter opposition as well as stiff fire from anti-aircraft batteries.

Later, enemy fighter opposition subsided and became "spotty" all along the front, although many Allied formations encountered strong anti-aircraft barrages.

According to a Reuter's report from Allied Headquarters, approximately 500 German single-engined fighters have been moved into the Normandy area, with some of these being drawn from the homeland's own defense fighter fleet. Allied air strategy is now forcing the Luftwaffe to abandon its defense of German cities under attack by American and British day and night bombers in order to provide more fighter protection for German troop concentrations and communications on the French battlefield.

The Luftwaffe was said to be losing from 30 to 50 fighters daily and those still in use were finding it increasingly difficult to operate from airfields in France now under constant and devastating attack by Allied bomber fleets.

OIL HIT

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attacked. Other refineries attacked included the Szony and Petfurdo plants, both in Hungary, and the Caprag and Osijek works of Yugoslavia. Lightnings attacked the Kecskemet airfield southeast of Budapest, destroying enemy transports on the ground.

Italy-based RAF bombers last night attacked the main railway station at Munich, Germany, a few hours after MAAF heavies delivered a shattering blow in daylight on industrial targets in the same area.

Last night's attack by Halifaxes, Liberators and Wellingtons was the first pre-dawn assault on Munich from Italian bases. Blockbusters burst in built-up districts but haze prevented full analysis of results. Few night fighters were encountered but flak was heavy.

Targets of the daylight attack were the Allach and Bayerische motor works, both of which produce fighter engines. Also hit were an airdrome and ordnance plant. Approximately 125 fighters were met near the target areas, 33 of which were shot down.

Other heavies yesterday plastered Porto Marghera, industrial targets and Innsbruck railway yards.

Ally

WITH THE 12TH AAF—A sign in the mess of a 12th Air Force B-25 Mitchell wing headquarters in the Mediterranean Theater reads:

"Buy a war bond!
"Help Texas win the war!"

'Ike' Predicts New Blows

WASHINGTON, June 14—In his report to President Roosevelt, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander, said that "other" openings will be made in the Nazi Europafestung and that the "Nazis will be forced to fight throughout the perimeter of their stronghold," the President disclosed yesterday.

General Eisenhower's statement referring to "other" openings led many here to believe that new landings might be made along Norway, the Low Countries, or in the Balkans.

The invasion of France, said General Eisenhower, "vast and important as it is," is only part of a "far larger pattern of combined assaults against the fortress of Germany by great Russian Armies from the east and our forces from the Mediterranean."

"Although the cross channel landing operation was attended by hazards and difficulties greater, I believe, than ever before faced an invading army," the report said, "this initial success has given us only a foothold upon northwestern France."

"The Nazis will be forced to fight throughout the perimeter of their stronghold, daily expending their dwindling resources until overwhelmed by the hopelessness of their position."

Pilot Convicted On Sex Charges

SANTA ANNA, Calif., June 14—Capt. Morrison L. Wilkinson, Jr., was sentenced to 30 years hard labor after a 10-man court martial board found him guilty of four sex offenses, bigamy and theft. Judges also ordered him dismissed from the service.

The 28-year-old veteran of air combat in China was acquitted of two charges of forced rape, conviction on either of which would have made life imprisonment or execution mandatory.

Capt. Wilkinson was convicted of statutory rape and assault against Caprice Capron, 17-year-old Earl Cartel Hollywood show-girl, assault with intent to commit rape against 16-year-old Dean Stull, Hollywood night club dancer and an unidentified "Miss X."

He was also convicted of bigamously marrying Mrs. Lawrence T. Murphy before he received a final divorce from Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson.

GI BILL

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for 52 weeks should he or she be out of a job during the first two years after discharge.

If his or her education was interrupted upon entering the service the veteran could get a year's schooling and in some cases complete college education, with the government paying 500 dollars for a year's tuition, plus 50 dollars a month for subsistence and another 25 dollars monthly for dependents. The government would guarantee 50 percent of private loans at 4 percent interest, up to a maximum of 2,000 dollars to enable veterans to enter business or farming, or to buy a home.

Fotog Bags Two As Plane Gunner

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, June 14—Sgt. Hubert L. Townsend, of Detroit, an aerial photographer, yesterday shot down two ME-109s during the raid over Munich after taking over the waist gun of a Liberator when the regular gunner was killed.

The pilot of the Lib brought the big plane home safely although two crewmen were dead and his own oxygen line was cut. The top turret gunner, T-Sgt. Casimir E. Bialas, Chicago, shot down another ME-109.

Wehrmacht Still Tough

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In the German army facing the invasion forces were instructed in special radio message not to shoot Allied soldiers and to come over to the Allied side.

"If you are forced to shoot, take care to miss," said the broadcast beamed to Europe by BBC. "When captured, request separation from German prisoners."

The Herald Tribune thought that Allied successes have progressed until now "the last great crisis is gathering to its climax. It advanced well in Italy; it has opened in Normandy and it is beginning to thunder from the Russian artillery turned a trifle unexpectedly upon the Finnish lines and in Karelia."

The resumption of the Russian attack means "this business is near its end and that it must end cleanly and emphatically with no ifs, ands or buts and with no fissures left through which to undermine the peace."

While editorial writers might very well speak of the deterioration of the enemy, more and more graphic details of the Allied landings indicated that the Hun is still a bitter, determined, savage fighting man and took a heavy toll of the attackers on some beaches.

General Montgomery praised highly one American division which was going ashore at a point east of Carentan Estuary and ran into not the ordinary coastal defense unit but a "very good division" which was carrying out maneuvers when the Americans attacked. At the end of D Day the Yanks had not penetrated more than 100 yards inland but hung on, said General Montgomery, adding: "It was very unpleasant, very tricky. There was no doubt about it that the American troops did magnificently in recovering from a very unpleasant situation, and today the same troops are miles inland."

One of the grimmest stories to come from the beachhead and the first story to give specific losses was a United Press dispatch stating that in the mile and a half sector near Grandcamp-Lesbains, about 750 American dead were counted and an equal number washed out to sea by high tides.

Stories of German atrocities were told by wounded paratroopers returned to hospitals in England. They described how disabled jumpers and those whose chutes caught in trees were attacked by the enemy who cut throats, and shot point blank at their victims' faces. Some wounded said they had witnessed these scenes.

Navy Blasts 141 Aircraft

PEARL HARBOR, June 14—In a daring three-day sweep through enemy waters, the powerful U. S. carrier task force operating against four important Japanese-held Mariana Islands bases, has destroyed 141 enemy planes and sunk 13 enemy ships, including a fast destroyer and three corvettes, it was announced today.

Sixteen other enemy vessels, including three destroyers and one destroyer escort, were heavily damaged in the operation, while American losses amounted to 13 fighter planes.

The four main objectives of the American carrier bombers and fighters were Guam, Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Last Saturday, American fighter planes swept the airdromes and shore installations of the four islands in force and destroyed 124 enemy aircraft, in the air and on the ground. American losses during the day were 11 Hellcat fighter planes and eight pilots. Allied attacks continued with unabated fury Sunday when 16 more enemy aircraft, two small cargo ships and an oiler were destroyed. A formation of enemy ships attempting to escape from Saipan was attacked June 11, resulting in the destruction of most of the ships listed in the communique.

In the Southwest Pacific, the Allied planes are operating from Mokmer aerodrome on Biak Island in the Dutch New Guinea area. Ground forces already are pushing on towards Borokoe airfield.

Six enemy planes raided Biak Island Sunday night and damaged an American destroyer. The following day, Allied aircraft sank four Japanese merchant ships off Dutch New Guinea, while Liberators again attacked Palau in the Carolines, Truk, and Hansa Bay.

Los Angeles Has Slight Quake

LOS ANGELES, June 14—A slight earthquake confined to Los Angeles metropolitan and adjoining coastal areas was reported this week.

One landslide toppled an estimated 30,000 square yards of earth upon the Roosevelt Highway. District Engineer W. L. Fahey of the California Highway Department asserted. Another slide buried 300 feet of highway in the Ventura County five miles north of the Los Angeles county line.

ARCTIC FRONT

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shields of combined steel and rubber and roofs 20 feet thick. In addition to these man-made defenses, the Russian armies have to overcome such natural obstacles as high rocks, dense forests and ground so sodden that bomb and shell craters fill almost at once with water.

The whole area guarding the old Mannerheim Line and the approaches to the city of Viborg is thickly studded with land and high-explosive anti-personnel mines, according to frontline dispatches, but already Soviet troops are reaching ground where Finnish fortifications are only half-completed and land mines appear to have been laid hastily and without plan.

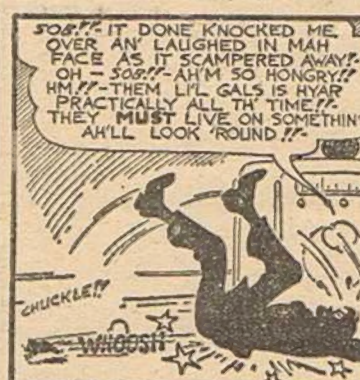
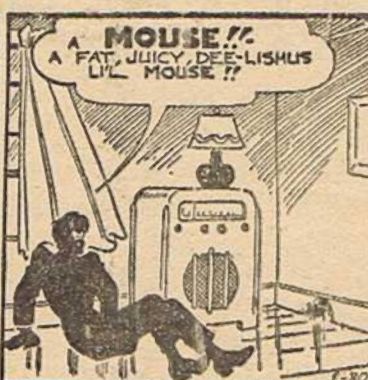
L'il Abner

MIDNIGHT! DEEP IN THE HEART OF BROOKLYN—LOCKED IN THE CLUB ROOM OF THE FREDDIE MCGURGLE FAN CLUB—IS FREDDIE MCGURGLE HIMSELF!

OH—SOS! AM I SO HUNGRY?—HUNGRY AS A SHACK'D HAWG?—P—P—THAT'S SOMETHIN' STIRRIN' HYAR!!



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